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DRUG ABUSE AMONG WOMEN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government and United Nations InternationalDrug Control Programme regarding the number of women who are more prone to drug abuse in the country;

(b) if so, the number of educated as well as illiterate women who are prone to such abuse ; and

(c) the steps the Government have taken to educate them and to make awareness amongst the women regarding ill effects of the drugs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) A limited Study on 75 women substance abusers, 25 each from Mimbai, Aizawl and Delhi, has been conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, in collaboration withthe United Nations International Drug Control Programme, regional Office for South Asia, New Delhi to examine substance abuse pattern amongst women.

(b) According to the study report, 76 percent of the women users covered were either illiterates or had dropped out of primary and middle school.

(c) The Government is in the process of incorporating appropriate interventions for prevention ofsubstance abuse and alcoholism among women including, inter-alia, preventive awareness amongst women in accordance with the recommendation of the Report.